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***In the Claims***

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 – 11. (canceled)
- 12. (previously presented) A connector for liquids which comprises:
  - (a) an inner polymeric liner having one flared end and an opposed integrally molded sealing end, said liner having a centrally disposed bore therethrough, and wherein said sealing end comprises
    - (i) a radially extending sealing surface from said liner, and
    - (ii) a shoulder which terminates the sealing surface, and wherein said bore of said sealing end is essentially the same as said bore of said liner,
  - (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having two opposed flared ends of similar geometry to each of said polymeric liner flared end and said shoulder of said sealing end; and
  - (c) two outwardly facing threaded nuts, each of said nuts having a shelf which contactingly engages said opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
- 13. (original) The connector of claim 12 wherein said metallic sleeve further comprises
  - (a) a ribbed segment between said two opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
- 14. (original) The connector of claim 13 which further comprises
  - (a) a washer for sealing engagement with an interior end portion of said liner at said flared end.
- 15. (original) The connector of claim 14 wherein
  - (a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.
- 16. (previously presented) A connector for liquids which comprises:

- (a) an inner polymeric liner having one flared end and an opposed integrally molded sealing end, said liner having a centrally disposed bore therethrough, and wherein said sealing end comprises
    - (i) a radially extending sealing surface from said liner, and
    - (ii) a shoulder which terminates the sealing surface, and wherein said bore of said sealing end is essentially the same as said bore of said liner,
  - (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having two opposed flared ends of similar geometry to each of said polymeric liner flared end and said shoulder of said sealing end and a plurality of ribs between said two opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve; and
  - (c) two outwardly facing threaded nuts, each of said nuts having a shelf which contactingly engages said opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
- 17.(original) The connector of claim 16 wherein
- (a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.
- 18.(original) The connector of claim 17 which further comprises
- (a) a washer for sealing engagement with an interior end portion of said liner at said flared end.
- 19 - 34. (canceled)